

Title: Regarding release of water from Mettur Dam to ensure supply of water from river Cauvery in Tamil Nadu.

* SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): Sir, for the second consecutive year now the situation in the Cauvery Delta region in Tamil Nadu is bad and is going through a drought hit condition. Last year the situation was worse severely affecting the farmers and paddy cultivation in the Cauvery basin districts especially the delta farmers. We also had death due to hunger in the Cauvery delta.

Sir, south-west monsoon failed last year and the predictions for the current year by the meteorologists is also not promising. They predict a possible monsoon failure. Already Tamil Nadu especially the Cauvery delta districts in Thanjavur region have suffered enough due to withering crops and failed cultivation. So there is a need to take urgent steps to evolve a sharing formula for Cauvery riparian States. *(Interruptions.)*

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जीरो आवर में मेरे सामने 22 विय हैं। मैं सभी को इजाजत देना चाहता हूँ। बिहार का विय खत्म हो चुका है।

...(व्यवधान) **

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing on the Bihar situation should go on record.

*(Interruptions) **

* SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): Cauvery River Authority meeting as insisted upon by both the Tribunal and the Supreme Court has not been convened for a long time now. Before it could become too late, unlike last year, Cauvery River Authority meeting must be convened by the Prime Minister at the earliest. I understand that the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has also written to the Centre in this regard. In order to ensure Tamil Nadu's share of water in Cauvery for release in Mettur Dam before the first week of June, Centre must act fast. I urge upon the Union Government to convene the CRA meeting to evolve a viable formula in

_time taking stock of the entire situation to ensure release of water from Mettur Dam in the first week of June.

SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN (SIVAGANGA): Sir, I also associate with him.

MR. SPEAKER: Your name will be associated.

*English translation of the speech originally delivered in Tamil.

**Not Recorded.

12.15 hrs.